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FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5754

INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMCONSUL BOMBAY

AMCONSUL MADRAS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENGR,IN, CE

SUBJECT: MARATHON DRILLS SECOND DRY WELL

REF: COLOMBO 3188

1. MARATHON PETROLEUM CORPORATION HAS COMPLETED ITS SECOND EXPLORATORY WELL OFF THE NORTHEWEST COAST OF SRI LANKA (REFTEL) WITH NO EVIDENCE OF PETROLEUM DEPOSITS. NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE AS YET.

2. WITH THE COMPLETION OF THIS WELL, MARATHON HAS FULFILLED ITS CONTRACT WITH CEYOIL. AS BOTH EXPLORATORY WELLS WERE DRY, THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT MARATHON DOES NOT PLAN ANY FURTHER DRILLING AND WILL CLOSE DOWN ITS OPERATIONS IN SRI LANKA WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

3. THE EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER AS MORE DETAILS

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